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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election requirement dated August 21, 2003, Applicants respond as follows.

Applicants had filed a Second Preliminary Amendment on June 16, 2003. A copy of this amendment including the acknowledgment postcard are enclosed. From the Examiner's comments, it appears that the Examiner has not considered this amendment. Applicants request the Examiner to enter the amendment, if it has not been entered yet.

In addition, Applicants herewith further amend the claims as detailed on Page 2 of this response. Remarks are presented on Page 6.

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